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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No.	Applicant(s)	<i>J</i>
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	Examiner Lalita M Hamilton	Art Unit 3624	

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Period for Reply

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#### Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_.  
 2a) This action is **FINAL**.                            2b) This action is non-final.  
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.  
 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.  
 5) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.  
 6) Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.  
 7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.  
 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.  
 10) The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).  
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
 a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:  
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.  
 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.  
 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)  
 6) Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

**DETAILED ACTION*****Claim Objections***

Claim 3 is objected to because of the following informalities: It is unclear which step the “ultimate step thereof” is referring to. Appropriate correction is required.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-6 are rejected for the following reasons:

In claims 1, “trade ticket data”, “trade confirmation creator document”, “buyers and sellers inventory reports”, and “credit information lack antecedent basis.

In claim 2, “the ultimate step thereof” lacks antecedent basis.

Claims 3-6 are rejected for their dependency upon rejected claims.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology

Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Tealdi (US 2001/0029482).

Tealdi discloses an online mortgage approval and settlement method in which each user of the system is pre-registered with a secure designation and credit information comprising the steps of inputting to the computer system an electronic trade ticket including trade data, reviewing said trade ticket data and preparing a trade confirmation document, through a trade conformation creator, using said data and adding information, printing the trade confirmation document from the trade confirmation creator document data and information, contacting the buyer and the seller for the transaction by e-mail to review the trade confirmation document, adding the data and information relating to the transaction to the buyer's and seller's inventory reports for the credit information of each, revising, if necessary, said trade confirmation document based upon comments from said buyer and seller, arranging for signing of said trade confirmation document by said buyer and said seller, and thereafter producing and arranging for signing of an assignment and acceptance agreement and a funding memorandum, based upon a finalized trade confirmation document, in order to settle the transaction (p.4, 62-63; p.7, 102-105; p.8, 111 to p.9, 121;

p.10, 137-138; p.13-14, 172; p.15, 187; and fig.13—all); the step of re-submitting said trade confirmation document to said buyer and said seller for review (p.4, 62-63; p.7, 102-105; p.8, 111 to p.9, 121; p.10, 137-138; p.13-14, 172; p.15, 187; and fig.13—all); reviewing said buyer's and seller's inventory reports is performed just prior to the ultimate step thereof, in order to revise said funding memorandum, if necessary (p.4, 62-63; p.7, 102-105; p.8, 111 to p.9, 121; p.10, 137-138; p.13-14, 172; p.15, 187; and fig.13—all); notifying the buyer and seller of the effectiveness and settlement of said transaction (p.4, 62-63; p.7, 102-105; p.8, 111 to p.9, 121; p.10, 137-138; p.13-14, 172; p.15, 187; and fig.13—all); receiving payment from the buyer (p.4, 62-63; p.7, 102-105; p.8, 111 to p.9, 121; p.10, 137-138; p.13-14, 172; p.15, 187; and fig.13—all); and adjusting the inventory reports of said buyer and said seller (p.4, 62-63; p.7, 102-105; p.8, 111 to p.9, 121; p.10, 137-138; p.13-14, 172; p.15, 187; and fig.13—all).

***Provisional Application Listed on PTO-892 form***

If a copy of a provisional application listed on the bottom portion of the accompanying Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) form is not included with this Office action and the PTO-892 has been annotated to indicate that the copy was not readily available, it is because the copy could not be readily obtained when the Office action was mailed. Should applicant desire a copy of such a provisional application, applicant should promptly request the copy from the Office of Public Records (OPR) in accordance with 37 CFR 1.14(a)(1)(iv), paying the required fee under 37 CFR 1.19(b)(1). If a copy is ordered from OPR, the shortened statutory period for reply to this Office action will not be reset under

MPEP § 710.06 unless applicant can demonstrate a substantial delay by the Office in fulfilling the order for the copy of the provisional application. Where the applicant has been notified on the PTO-892 that a copy of the provisional application is not readily available, the provision of MPEP § 707.05(a) that a copy of the cited reference will be automatically furnished without charge does not apply.

***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lalita M Hamilton whose telephone number is (703) 306-5715. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Thursday (8:30-4:30).

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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